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Subject: RE: Science manuscript status

John,

Thank you very much for the update on the paper.

I'm getting a good feeling based on the very careful consideration of these minor points.

I like the cover art. That would be very cool!

Andy

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Hi coauthors,

Mark asked about status of our submission and I have been planning to let you all know.

Short answer: The manuscript we submitted December 31, 2019 still officially is in review on April 8, 2020.

Longer elaboration:

1) After Mark sleuthed out the minor change in the molecular structure, I notified the editor. The editor did not seem too concerned and replied with this: "This Solvay paper seems to be fairly significant in the context of the claim that they didn't disclose the structures you uncovered . . . I think for that reason, it would be much clearer to go back to the reviewers with all the proper structures depicted in the figures."

2) So when I addressed the reviewers' comments (which you all have received), I also changed all figures as appropriate and added the references for the minor structural modification. I resubmitted our manuscript on March 18 (attached here) and had this response: "I'd like to go back to at least one or two reviewers here before proceeding, but I'll try to get feedback quickly."

3) I also inquired about submitting possible artwork for the cover (instruction to authors indicates the Science staff entertain this). Here was the editor's response: "When I hear back from the reviewers, we'll go through one more clean-up round if necessary, where you'll have a chance to upload additional files through the website."

3) In the last week or so we drafted cover art to be considered at Science (philosophy on this: maybe 1% chance of success, but 0% if we don't try). Considering possibly short review time and protracted clearance time, we submitted the drafts for clearance thru management up to Jennifer O-Z, then thru OPA. The cleared drafts are attached and being cleaned up right now by Haile, Emily Smith and Carrie Holz.

4) The editor has updated our submission portal twice since our resubmission -- the last time on Monday. I cannot see what the updates are, but guessed they were reviews being returned.

5) Between corona and this 1/3 year submission, this is really getting old.

Thanks for your patience,
John

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